

# SENATE BILL 944

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By: **Senator Jacobs**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel While Impaired by a**  
3 **Controlled Dangerous Substance – Penalty**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for causing life-threatening injury as a result  
5 of negligently driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel while  
6 impaired by a controlled dangerous substance; and generally relating to  
7 controlled dangerous substance offenses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Criminal Law  
10 Section 3–211(f)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 3–211.

17 (f) (1) This subsection does not apply to a person who is entitled to use  
18 the controlled dangerous substance under the laws of the State.

19 (2) A person may not cause a life-threatening injury to another as a  
20 result of the person’s negligently driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or  
21 vessel while the person is impaired by a controlled dangerous substance as defined in  
22 § 5–101 of this article.

23 (3) A violation of this subsection is life-threatening injury by motor  
24 vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (4)    A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor  
2 and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding [2] **3** years or a fine not  
3 exceeding [~~\$3,000~~] **\$5,000** or both.

4                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2012.